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IN ASSEMBLY

May 1, 2026

Introduced by M. of A. DURSO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Local Governments

AN ACT to amend chapter 459 of the laws of 1962 incorporating the West Babylon Volunteer Firemen's Benevolent Association, and providing for its powers and duties, in relation to the use of certain moneys received by such benevolent association and modernization of certain language

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Sections 1, 2, 6 and 7 of chapter 459 of the laws of 1962 incorporating the West Babylon Volunteer Firemen's Benevolent Association, and providing for its powers and duties, section 6 as amended by chapter 203 of the laws of 1964, are amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Incorporation; membership. A membership corporation by the name of "West Babylon Volunteer [~~Firemen's~~] Firefighter's Benevolent Association" is hereby created. It shall be composed of such persons eligible to membership therein as hereinafter provided as shall (a) notify the secretary of the West Babylon volunteer fire department in writing prior to the organization meeting of such corporation hereinafter provided for of their desire to become members, or (b) shall attend such meeting or an adjournment thereof, and also such persons so eligible as may become members of such corporation pursuant to its by-laws.

§ 2. Persons eligible to membership. All persons who are now, or who have been, or who hereafter shall be active volunteer members of the West Babylon volunteer fire department, or of any fire corporation in the West Babylon fire district, and who have heretofore acquired or shall hereafter acquire the status of exempt volunteer [~~fireman~~] firefighters as defined in section two hundred of the general municipal law or any other applicable law by virtue of having rendered service in the West Babylon volunteer fire department, or of any fire corporation created by this act, except that any [~~fireman~~] firefighter who has been removed for cause, expelled or dropped from the rolls, of any fire company or department, and who has not been reinstated therein, shall not be eligible for membership in such corporation. The membership of

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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any person in such corporation shall terminate upon the withdrawal of such person as an active volunteer member of the West Babylon volunteer fire department. Whenever a member who is not an exempt [~~fireman~~] **fire-fighter** as defined by section two hundred of the general municipal law shall move from such fire district or from territory provided with fire protection as aforesaid or if the territory in which a member resides shall no longer be provided with such fire protections, [~~his~~] **their** membership in such corporation shall cease.

§ 6. Control and disposal of funds and property. The control and disposal of the funds, property and estate of the said association, the exercise of its powers, and the management and control of its affairs shall be vested in and exercised by a board of trustees which shall consist of [~~eight~~] **nine** members of such corporation; viz.: the president, the vice-president, the secretary, the treasurer and [~~four~~] **five** other members having the title of trustee. Such officers and trustees shall be elected at the annual meeting of such corporation in the manner prescribed by its by-laws.

§ 7. Precept for payment of foreign fire insurance premium taxes. Such corporation shall collect and there shall be paid to it all taxes imposed by section [~~five hundred fifty-three~~] **nine thousand one hundred four** of the insurance law, for fire department use and benefit, upon premiums for insurance against loss or damage by fire covering property situated within the territory protected by the West Babylon volunteer fire department, located in the town of Babylon, Suffolk county, New York, or within any duly organized territory in which the West Babylon's volunteer fire department is or may be obligated to render fire protection. The officer of said corporation designated by its by-laws to collect and receive the aforesaid tax shall have all the powers and be subject to all the provisions of the insurance law, relation to treasurers of fire departments. Such corporation shall also be entitled to receive a share of the tax imposed by section [~~five hundred fifty-four~~] **nine thousand one hundred five** of the insurance law, based upon the business written in the territory with respect to which it is entitled to collect and receive the tax under section [~~five hundred fifty-three~~] **nine thousand one hundred four** of the insurance law. Such taxes shall only be used [~~for the care and relief of disabled or indigent volunteer and exempt volunteer firemen and their families~~] **by the corporation in furtherance of its purpose as set forth in section three of this act**.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that the amendments to section 7 of chapter 459 of the laws of 1962 made by section one of this act shall apply to taxes due and premiums received on and after January 1, 2027.